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FOR: METHODS AND STRUCTURES
FOR AN EXTENSIBLE RAID
STORAGE ARCHITECTURE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Non Final Office Action mailed 24 September 2002, please amend the application and consider the following remarks.

5 IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification by replacement paragraph of paragraph 2 under the section entitled "Background of the Invention" on page 1, lines 10-18, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1) as follows:

- 10 -- Computer storage subsystems are evolving at a rapid pace to require, at once, high capacity, high performance and high reliability. Disk drive technology has evolved to enable large capacities in individual disk drives. As applied in storage subsystems with multiple drives to achieve higher total storage capacity, each high capacity disk drive gives rise to performance bottlenecks as well as significant reliability problems.
- 15 Where, for example, an entire request to store or retrieve data is directed to a single